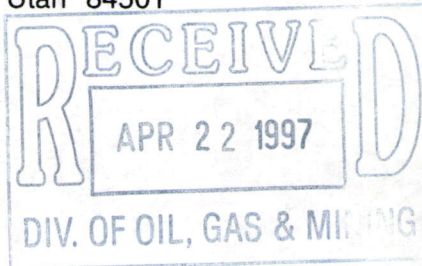




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Dear Mr. Mortensen:

We received the biological opinion from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on April 14, 1997. We will process your plan of operations within 90 days of that date. A public comment period of 30 days will be held for the environmental assessment of the plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dean Nyffeler or Neil Simmons of my staff.

Sincerely,

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